

**SPECIAL MEETING - MANSFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MANSFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL LMC CLASSROOM
MINUTES
October 19, 2009**

Item 1: Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Those Board members in attendance were Mary Feathers, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice-Chair, Mark LaPlaca, Christopher Kueffner, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, and Katherine Paulhus.

Also in attendance were: Fred Baruzzi, Superintendent of Schools; Middle School Principal, Jeff Cryan, Middle School Assistant Principal Candace Morell, Board's Counsel, other necessary witnesses, as well as the student and the student's parents.

Item 2: Confidential Hearing Related to Confidential Student Matter.

Motion: That the Board go into executive session for the purpose of conducting a student disciplinary hearing under Section 10-233d of the Connecticut General Statutes, and invite into executive session all present.

Vote: All voted yes

The Board entered executive session at 6:01 p.m. During the executive session, the Board held the disciplinary hearing and, after excusing all but the Board's counsel, deliberated on the matter.

The Board then came out of executive session and made the following motion:

Motion:

That the Board of Education finds that the student who is the subject of this hearing did, on October 2, 2009, engage in the following conduct: possession of a dangerous instrument on school grounds. This conduct violated the policies of the Board of Education, and constitutes an expellable offense.

Vote: All voted yes

The Board re-entered into executive session at 6:41 p.m. During the executive session, the Board held the disciplinary hearing and, after excusing all but the Board's counsel, deliberated on the matter.

The Board then came out of executive session at 8:10 p.m. and made the following motion:

Motion:

That the student who is the subject of this hearing shall be expelled from school for a period of one calendar year.

The conditions of the expulsion are as follows:

- a) The student may return to school on October 21, 2009;
- b) The student shall participate in counseling at his parent's expense, with a minimum of two times (2X) per month for not less than four (4) months. Furthermore, verification of attendance shall be provided to the Administration.
- c) The student shall submit to having his bag/backpack or equivalent checked by the Administration or designee on a daily basis for a period of four (4) months; and
- d) The student shall complete a project regarding school community enhancement, the terms and conditions of which shall be determined by the Administration or designee in consultation with the student.

Should the student fail to meet any of the conditions of the expulsion, or any policies of the Board related to weapons, the full term of the one-calendar year expulsion period shall be reinstituted. Should the full term of expulsion be re-instituted, the student shall receive an alternative educational opportunity.

Vote: **All voted yes**

Item 3: Adjournment.

Vote: **All voted yes**

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.